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Victim Identified in 4th of July Homicide

The Lincoln Police Department is continuing the investigation into the shooting death that occurred on Saturday, July 4th, 2020, in the 2700 block of S 40th Street. The victim has been identified as 20-year-old Gavin Hall of Lincoln.

Our staff notified the family of the deceased. We are keeping them in our thoughts and ask the public to respect their privacy as they grieve his death.

On July 4, 2020 at approximately 12:34 a.m., officers responded to a residence in the 2700 block of S. 40th St. on a report that a male was shot inside a residence. Officers found Hall deceased with a gunshot wound to his head.

Investigators interviewed witnesses and learned that there was a small gathering at the residence. Zachariah Serna, 18-year-old, and Gavin Hall are roommates and were bantering back and forth. Serna retrieved a shotgun from his bedroom and walked towards Hall. Serna discharged the shotgun one time striking Hall in the head. Crime Scene Technicians have collected digital and forensic evidence from the scene that is being analyzed. An autopsy was completed on July 5th, 2020 at 8:30 a.m. at the Douglas County Coroner's Office in Omaha, Nebraska. The findings confirmed that Hall died from a gunshot wound to the head.

Lincoln Police investigators arrested Serna for Manslaughter.

This is an on-going investigation. If you have information relevant to this investigation please call 402-441-6000 or Crime Stoppers at 402-475-3600.

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